



*Approved for entry After Final  
Deborah Raizen Jan 21, 2004*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shuichi TAKEUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2873

Appl No : 09/973,114

Examiner: D. RAIZEN

Filed : October 10, 2001

For : OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL HEAD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RECEIVED  
DEC 31 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated September 23, 2003, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained remarks.